

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6 and 10 are pending. Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographical error without narrowing its scope. Claims 1-4 and 7-9 have been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent 6,623,527 (Hamzy). Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Hamzy in view of U.S. Patent 6,421,716 (Eldridge et al.). Claims 3-5 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Hamzy. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,348,970 (Marx).

Each of independent claims 5 and 6 recite, inter alia, a facsimile apparatus that converts image data received from a website to facsimile data suitable for output by a facsimile apparatus.

On the other hand, in Hamzy, the conversion is performed in a proxy server, or in a terminal that actually browses images of the website. The conversion is not performed in a facsimile apparatus. For at least this reason, claims 5 and 6 are believed to distinguish from Hamzy and be patentable thereover.

Claim 10 is directed to facsimile connectable to a communication network and to a telephone line. When a URL of a website is sent from a pre-specified URL transfer terminal, the facsimile accesses the website in accordance with the URL, receives image data from the website, and converts the image data to facsimile communication data. Claim 10 is believed to distinguish from Hamzy for at least the same reasons discussed in the foregoing paragraphs.

As to the Marx reference, that reference shows in Table 6, in column 6, that a URL "hitlist" is printed out. However, Marx fails to teach or suggest that characters or images in a website are printed. For at least this reason, claim 10 is believed patentable over Marx.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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